

LET DOWN BARS

Secretary of Agriculture Would Let Packers Retail.

Only Means of Cheapening Nation's Food—Wallace.

MUST CONSOLIDATE CONTROL

Tells Congress One Bureau Should Have Whole Authority.

Rights of Small Business Man Must Be Protected.

Washington, May 5.—Packer control legislation, the subject of sharp fighting in the last congress, today was endorsed by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace.

Appearing before the house agriculture committee, Wallace declared that the legislation would be "desirable" now. Many of the complaints against the packers are "fully justified."

Must Consolidate Control. Wallace suggested that packer regulation be consolidated in one bureau of the department instead of being distributed between the department of agriculture and the interstate commerce commission as provided in the impending bill.

"I believe it would be better to have the supervisory board under the department of agriculture since that department is close to agriculture," he said. "The department already has collected a large amount of information on the packing industry."

Let Packers Retail. Wallace said that if the distribution of meat products is to be cheapened eventually, the government must allow the big packers to return to the retail field.

"Of course, it must be seen that the previous practices of the packers of driving the small business man out of the market are not resumed."

Wallace also indicated he saw no objection to the packers being allowed to deal in the so-called "unrelated products." This was prohibited by the "consent decree" obtained by former Attorney General Palmer. Such business, Wallace said, should be under strict government regulation.

GOLD SEALS TO FIVE FIRMS

Topeka Food Dealers Make Splendid Record in April.

Gold seal certificates for receiving a grade of 97 per cent were given five food dispensing places in Topeka in April. It is reported by George V. Devos, city food inspector. They are the Y. M. C. A. cafeteria, the Barker Bakery, the New cafeteria, the Fred Walker soda fountain and the H. C. Finney grocery. Fourteen places were ordered to improve their sanitary condition by the inspector. The April food inspection report follows:

Name	Score
Arnold Drug Co., 323 Kansas Ave.	96
Albers, Edward, 222 E. First	96
Amber, A. A., 1001 Morris	94
Baker, W. W. & Co., 420 W. Sixth	93
Brown, Alex., 1405 Kansas Ave.	90
Baker, J. H., 56 W. Eighth	89
Brown & Montgomery, 44 Kansas Ave.	87
Brown, Chas. F., 1150 West	85
Brown, Chas. F., 1115 Monroe	81
Brown, E. E., 100 E. First	80
Brown, E. E., 200 E. Second	80
Brown & Reed, 205 Stephens	80
Brown, H. H., 414 E. First	80
Clonday Lunch, 212 E. Fifth	80
Clemens, W. J., 1212 Lincoln	80
Croft, J. J., 1215 Kansas Ave.	80
Capital Cafe, Capper building	80
Curry, James, 1135 Kansas Ave.	80
Croft, W. D., 1204 N. Kansas	80
Clark, W. A., 1240 N. Kansas	80
Chamberfield Pharmacy, 117 Kansas	80
Corbin, F. G., 900 E. Fourth	80
Coffee, Hill pharmacy, 1400 W. West	80
Fifteenth	80
Conklin, W. P., 121 W. Seventh	80
Capital City Market, 120 E. Fourth	80
Chamberlain, S., Eighth and Lake	80
Chamberlain, A. E., 121 E. Sixth	80
Dwyer, J. F., 120 W. Sixth	80
Dwight, J. J., 211 Topeka Ave.	80
Devos, G. V., 1001 Buchanan	80
Devos, H. B., 207 Bremer	80
Donahue, Camilo, 421 E. First	80
Edmund, Groceries, 234 E. First	80
Edinger, Frank, 1828 Kansas Ave.	80
Edinger, Groceries, 200 E. Sixth	80
Devil Avenue Bakery, 1016 W. Seventh	80
Fifth	80
Fisher, R. W., 1715 W. Eighth	80
Finney, H. C., 1205 Kansas Ave.	80
Fry, W. A., 220 Topeka Ave.	80
Fletcher, Frank, 225 Topeka Ave.	80
Frost, H. L., 1420 W. Eighth	80
Fisher, C., 1808 Monroe	80
Edgar Groceries, 1500 Topeka	80
Finney, John A., 111 Kansas Ave.	80
Gilmore, Elizabeth, 915 Kansas Ave.	80
Gilmore, Robert, 201 Klein	80
Gilmore, Delbert, 623 E. Sixth	80
Gilbert & Son, 723 West	80
Gilbert, John, 1011 E. Crane	80
Grocery, 400 E. Crane	80
Tenth	80
Holladay Hotel, 401 Holladay	80
Hagan, George W., 1454 Quincy	80
Hobert, Frank, Tenth and Topeka	80
Haworth, Brothers, 112 E. Sixth	80
Hunter, H. J., 1005 Clay	80
Hall, S. E., 1160 Buchanan	80
Haney, Joseph, 1001 E. Eighth	80
Houser, W. H., 1150 Grand	80
Herman, H. A., 204 E. Fourth	80
Ingalls, W. E., 200 W. Eighth	80
Johnson, Gladys A., 1021 W. Sixth	80
Johnson & Curry, 100 W. Fifth	80
Jackson, Joseph, 601 E. Eighth	80
Kramer, H. E., 1200 Randolph	80
Kaplan, S. H., 315 E. Fourth	80
Kennedy, O. A., Seward & Gratton	80
Lane, Betty, 900 Kansas Ave.	80
Laggett Adams, 1010 W. Seventeenth	80
Muller-Hawes, 100 E. Quincy	80
Michael, J. R., 1303 Kansas Ave.	80
Marshall, J. B., 135 Kansas Ave.	80
Morgan, H. A., 2222 Lincoln	80
McConnell, Fred, 904 E. Fourth	80
McClroy, H. C., 900 W. Sixth	80
New Cafeteria, 815 Kansas Ave.	80
Nabers, Bartolo, 518 E. Fourth	80
Owl Grocery No. 4, 1015 W. Sixth	80
Owl Grocery No. 2, 1111 Kansas Ave.	80
Owl Grocery No. 3, 500 W. Tenth	80
Owl Grocery No. 1, 1000 W. Tenth	80
Clay	80
Oliver, John, 40 W. Seventh	80
Olson, Thomas, 126 N. Klein	80
Producers & Consumers Market, 123 Kansas Ave.	80
Palace Meat Market, 902 Kansas Ave.	80
Paxton, D. D., 810 Lincoln	80
Paxton, C. F., 302 E. Fourth	80
Piper, Little, 1300 Monroe	80
People's Market, 200 E. Kansas Ave.	80
Russo, Donaluna, 422 E. Fourth	80
Roose, J. F., 1307 W. Tenth	80
Roose, Martin, 1200 Clay	80
Rose, L. D., 1821 Kansas	80
Rockhill, G. L., 622 W. Sixth	80
Rosser Brothers Pharmacy, 301 W. Eighth	80
Richard, F. L., 1540 N. Kansas	80
Rogers Cafe, 1000 Kansas Ave.	80
Rouven, Alvin, 100 E. First	80
Stephenson, Earl W., 1023 W. Eighth	80
Shaner Brothers, 604 E. Fourth	80
Smith, Mrs. A. E., 200 E. Eighth	80
Sheffer, R. H., Twenty-first and Kan.	80
Sanches, Mary, 624 N. Van Buren	80
Stewart, George E., 800 E. Eighth	80
Staple, R. H., 500 E. Fourth	80
Stotts, E. B., 25 Lincoln	80
Temples Cafe, 127 Kansas Ave.	80
Seville, F. A. & Son, 400 E. Eighth	80
Tully-McFarland Drug Co., No. 2, 220 Kansas Ave.	80
Tully-McFarland Drug Co., No. 1, 820 Kansas Ave.	80
Harkey Bakery, 507 Kansas Ave.	80
Valen Lunch, 401 E. Fourth	80
Vannant, R. M., 2348 Lincoln	80
Victory Cafe, 323 Kansas Ave.	80

WEEK OF COOL WEATHER

Freezing Temperatures Occurred Almost Every Night During Last Week, Says Kansas Report—Wheat Making Fine Growth in Eastern and Western Counties. Central Portion Shows Effects of Dry Weather.

By S. D. Flora, Meteorologist. Unusually cool weather prevailed all week in Kansas, with freezing temperatures almost every night in the northwest quarter and a heavy frost on Tuesday, May 3, in the northeast counties and the Kaw valley, which did considerable damage to potatoes and other truck crops, according to the reports of more than 100 correspondents of the Weather Bureau. Light to moderately heavy rains were general and the state as a whole is well supplied with moisture, some of the southeastern counties being too wet for best effects on crops.

Wheat is making a fine growth in the eastern section of the state and the extreme western counties, but in the central portion it still shows the effects of prolonged dry weather earlier in the season and the severe freeze of April. A close examination of the plant in several central counties indicates a great deal of the crop in that section is in such shape it may not recover, even with favorable weather from now on. Fifty per cent of the wheat in the central and southern half of the state and the northeastern counties, including the Kaw valley, is from 12 to 18 inches high in the south-central and southeastern counties and 4 to 6 inches high in the north-central and northeastern counties and well started in the northwest part of the state.

Corn and other spring crops are backward and rather badly in need of warmth and sunshine. About half of the corn ground has been planted in the southeast quarter and the south-central counties and this work has begun to some extent in all but the extreme northwest counties, the corn that has come up is making very slow growth.

Oats in the northern half are in fair condition, in some places rated as poor. Farther south, especially in the southeast section, they are in somewhat better shape. Barley in the northwest counties is just getting started after having been so badly frozen a few weeks ago.

The first crop of alfalfa is in exceedingly poor condition in the eastern third, due to freezing and later to damage from the pea aphid, or green bug, which is still ravaging fields to such an extent that farmers in that section are not yet able to cut a date when cutting alfalfa will begin. In the central counties this work will probably start in two weeks and farther west in three to four weeks.

Grunk Rapids, Mich., May 5.—Chuck Wiggins earned a shade over Mike Gibbons in a ten-round bout here last night. Wiggins led in all but two rounds and those were even.

CAN'T FORCE POOL

President of Grain Growers Declares Plan Must Be Optional.

Begin Campaign in Kansas With Address at Emporia.

Emporia, Kan., May 5.—The pooling plan of the United States Grain Growers, Inc. (outgrowth of the committee of seventeen organizations) was advocated as a method suitable to work hand-in-hand with co-operative farm organizations already operating in Kansas, in an address here today by C. H. Gustafson, president of the grain growers. The appearance of Mr. Gustafson here today marked the beginning of a campaign in Kansas this week. He will talk at Newton late this afternoon; at Wichita tonight; Hutchinson 2 p. m. and Larned 7 p. m. Friday; at Manhattan and Clay Center Saturday afternoon and evening.

Mr. Gustafson recognizes that the big fight of his followers for an optional pooling, is with the National Wheat Growers' association. The wheat growers have their national headquarters in Wichita, where Mr. Gustafson will speak Thursday night. On Friday he said, "If pooling is made compulsory, many farmers would be excluded. A national grain pool has never been tried. If it proved to be either unwise, uneconomic or illegal it would be most unfortunate for the progress of the farmers' co-operative movement. If it proves the best plan, then pooling will become the most popular and increase in volume in an orderly and natural way and without jeopardizing the interests of the very men for whom this co-operative company has been set up."

FOR PUBLIC WELFARE DEPT.

Senator Kenyon Introduces Bill Covering Harding's Plans.

Washington, May 5.—Senator Kenyon, Iowa, today introduced the administration bill creating a department of public welfare, with a cabinet officer at its head. The measure divides public welfare activities under the government into four groups, each group under an assistant secretary of public welfare. The groups are education, public welfare, social service, and veteran service.

AMERICAN MAY LOSE LIFE.

Mex. Workers With Engineer in Mine Are Rescued After Blast.

Eagle Pass, Tex., May 5.—Fifteen men, including an American engineer, were rescued in an explosion in the Rosita coal mine at Rosita, state of Coahuila, Mexico, according to a report here today. The men, all Mexicans except the engineer, were rescued from the mine, the report said.

TWENTY-FIVE IRISH SLAIN

Sinn Fein and British Crown Forces Renew Battles in Erin.

Dublin, May 5.—Twenty-five men were killed in a three-day revival of fighting between Sinn Feiners and crown forces.

Figures made public here today showed: Twelve Sinn Feiners killed in an encounter with a reconnoitering party in the Partry mountains.

Four policemen killed in an ambush in County Mayo Tuesday.

One Sinn Feiner killed when soldiers fired upon a funeral procession which refused to obey military orders.

One sergeant and seven constables shot dead at Rathmore, County Kerry, when ambushed yesterday a half mile from their barracks.

GET NEW HEARING

P. U. C. Grants Rehearing in Kansas Natural Proceedings.

Public Concern in Gas Supply for Domestic Uses.

The public utilities commission today granted a rehearing in the proceedings brought by the Kansas Natural Gas company to compel enforcement of a contract with the Southwestern Gas company and the Gas Pipe Line company to deliver gas from the southern Kansas fields. The court of industrial relations had held it was without jurisdiction in the case which virtually involves enforcement of orders to limit use of gas for domestic purposes.

Under its contract with the Southwestern the Kansas Natural was to receive 20,000,000 cubic feet of gas a day. When the producing company failed to meet its contract, the Kansas Natural went before the court of industrial relations. Judge George W. Wark, who wrote the opinion, stated that the contract was a private document and the issue must be settled in the courts of record.

When the application for a rehearing was presented to the public utilities commission today that body held that a public interest was involved and that it could hear the issues. The dispute virtually involves the right of gas consumers in the northern towns and cities to receive gas for domestic purposes as a priority over big industrial plants in southern Kansas. The Southwestern company is alleged to have disposed of its supply to the industrial firms and reduced its supply to the Kansas Natural.

The original order was signed by Judges Higgins and Wark. Judge Reed did not approve the order. Now Judge Higgins is on the industrial court, Judge Wark is out of state service and Judge Reed is on the public utilities commission. The situation today gave him opportunity to reverse decision of his former associates and to revive memories of the row which resulted in the industrial court split. Under its decision today the commission virtually holds that rights of the industrial consumer in an explosion in Kansas is paramount to the demands of industrial plants in Elk, Montgomery and Kansas. No date was set for the rehearing, although the commission indicated that the case would not be taken up until after June 15.

SEE LOVE LETTER

Message From French "Lover" Admitted in Stillman Case.

Six Others Are Excluded After Long Argument.

New York, May 5.—An "alleged love letter" from Fred Beauvais, French-Canadian guide named as co-respondent in the Stillman divorce suit, to Mrs. Fidi Potter Stillman, was admitted to the records today by Justice Daniel J. Gleason, referee before whom the case is being tried in secret.

Practically the entire session was taken up with arguments over the admissibility of seven letters alleged to have been written to Mrs. Stillman by Beauvais. Gleason finally admitted one, withholding his decision on the other six.

Dr. Hugh Russell of Buffalo, said to have attended members of the Stillman family during 1917 and 1918, was the principal witness today. He is understood to have testified regarding conversations with Mrs. Stillman. The conversation was presumed to have not been of a professional nature, since conversations are considered privileged.

An unidentified man, as far as the public is concerned, testified that he was a hotel clerk in Buffalo, and is understood to have said Mrs. Stillman was in Buffalo at some time while he was clerking there and had two of her children with her. Beauvais is alleged to have been in Buffalo at the same time, but the clerk, it was said, was unable to establish whether Beauvais and Mrs. Stillman stopped at the same hotel.

SPARKS CAUSE BIG FIRE.

Sixteen Tank Cars of Gasoline Are Burned Near Caney, Okla.

Denison, Tex., May 5.—Sixteen tank cars of gasoline were destroyed by fire at Caney, Okla., thirty miles north of here, last night.

One car was derailed and friction of the wheels caused a spark that ignited the 16,000 gallon tank. When the flames spread, the road was blocked for twelve hours. No one was injured.

Cards of Thanks

We wish to thank our many friends and relatives for their heartfelt sympathy and beautiful flower offerings during our bereavement of the loss of our daughter, wife, mother and sister.

MRS. JAMES GILLET.
J. W. GRIFFIN, JR.
HARLEY KULP.

We desire to thank the friends and neighbors for their floral offerings and for the assistance extended to us during the death of our little daughter.

FRANK OPPITZ AND WIFE.

IN MEMORIAM.

A long three years ago yesterday our darling Walter passed away. Ever does his memory stay in our hearts from day to day.

MR. AND MRS. A. BUKLUND.

DISCUSSED BOY PROBLEM

Rotarians Plan Ways to Help Juveniles at Today's Meeting.

A discussion of "How to Help the Boys" was the main feature of the Rotary club meeting at the Chamber of Commerce today.

The discussion took up practically all of the time with the exception of the routine business.

Ralph McDaniel of the Burroughs Adding Machine company; Will J. Miller, ranchman; Frank Jarrell, editor of "The Earth," a Santa Fe publication, and Joseph Longshore, a job-

ber of petroleum products, were introduced to the club as new members.

In the discussion of the boy question, the Rev. Edmund James Kulp, of the First Methodist church, told of an incident relating directly to the recent hiring of a special car in which to send eighteen boys to the state reformatory.

"The morning that the car filled with those boys left," said the Rev. Mr. Kulp, "a man called me up on the phone and, refusing to give me his name, told me that his boy was one of the unfortunate ones on the way to Hutchinson. He had read of the new church organization movement, and after complimenting Roscoe C. Ellis, the manager of the campaign, he

asked me to do something about the young men who frequent the pool halls. He said that his boy got into bad company while in a pool hall. The father had called upon the owner of a pool hall, not on Kansas avenue, and requested the proprietor to refuse his son admittance. The boy could not get his lessons, the father told me, if he played pool all afternoon. The owner of that pool hall told that father, that 'as long as your son pays his money like anybody else, he can play pool like anybody else. I'm in this business for money. This sort of interest in the young boys is what we have to watch,' Kulp said. "A pool hall companionship cannot be a healthful one."

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Why the Printers Strike

The printers of Topeka had no grievance against their employers—either as to wages or working hours. The craft was well paid and well content, and not particularly concerned about securing more loafing time.

The Topeka Typographical Union has recognized the 48-hour week as the basic working week with the Topeka newspapers, and the State Printing plant. It is manifestly unfair for them to attempt to impose the 44-hour week on the commercial plants.

The strike inaugurated last Monday did not have its origin in Topeka. It is part of a nation-wide movement to force shorter working hours. At the convention of the American Federation of Labor in Montreal last June it was decided to make a fight for the 44-hour week this year, with the intention of making the 40-hour week the goal in 1924, and then the 36-hour week two or three years later.

Signed—

Adams Brothers & Company
Burroughs-Orr Service Print Shop
Capper Printing Co.
Crane & Co.

F. L. Evarts
Hall Lithographing Co.
H. M. Ives & Sons
Jones & Birch

Kelley Publishing Co.
Richardson & Shrake
F. M. Steves & Sons
Shawnee Chief

Superior Printing Co.
Topeka Type Shop
Trapp Print Shop
Vesper & Fox Printing Service

Is YOUR Printer's Name Here?—If Not, Ask Him Why!